

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER
WEATHER BUREAU.
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Temperature Min. 74; Max. 81. Weather, Clear.

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ALLIES IN ITALY TURN AGGRESSORS AND CHECK HUNS

Enemy Uses Sixty Divisions and Is Bringing Up Other Re- inforcements

If Offensive Fails As Indica- ted Italians Are Likely To Counter Hard

WASHINGTON, June 18—(Associated Press)—With the Austrians everywhere held in check along the more than hundred-mile front in Italy, the close of the third day of the offensive finds the Allied forces turned aggressors in several of the more important sectors. Everywhere the Allies are stiffening their defense and no where have the Austrians been able to break through or even to deeply penetrate the advanced defensive area. Alarmed by the opposition which they are meeting and the possibility of a counter which will put them on the defensive they are reported to be bringing up heavy reinforcements. Already they are employing sixty divisions without success, since the initial impetus of their thrust on Saturday morning. Since that time they have lost ground.

HELD BEYOND PIAVE RIVER

Stiffening their defense yesterday the Italians prevented any further crossings of the Piave River. On the northerly and easterly ends of the line, however, the foe is pressing hard in an effort to reach the Venetian plains and to break a way through the mountain fastnesses which are held by the Italian and British and French troops.

Intense fighting prevailed yesterday along the whole of the Piave River sector where, in spite of the enormous losses which they have already suffered the foe persisted in its efforts to cross the river, only to suffer further great losses in killed, wounded and prisoners. The night official report from Rome told this and said that everywhere along the line the Italians and their allies were holding strongly. Four thousand five hundred prisoners were reported to have been captured while the Austrian official report does not increase its Sunday night estimate of 12,000 prisoners since the beginning of the offensive.

DESERTIONS ARE FEARED

Earlier reports from Italy said that the battle seemed to be only in its beginning and that the enemy was employing sixty divisions. It had been noted that the Slav troops were placed in the front lines, the regiments being stationed at irregular intervals. Behind were the Tyroleans and it was evident from the arrangement of the troops that fears of desertion were felt and the precautionary arrangement made to prevent it.

The situation seemed highly assuring to the Italians although they foresaw an attempt at a great pushing movement and expected the battle to continue on for several days before definite determination was reached. The prisoners taken were ragged and ill fed in appearance and seemed glad to have the fighting over with. Headquarters expressed itself as satisfied and one general said: "Now let the Americans send over to us four or five army divisions and we will shake hands with them and take them with us into Austria." The morale of the Italians is splendid and in great contrast to that of last fall.

REINFORCEMENTS ON WAY

Indicating that the battle is in its early stages and showing the desperate efforts the Austrians will make, reports from Geneva said that messages received from the frontier indicated Austria was bringing up great numbers of reserves to reinforce the front. Train load after trainload of soldiers could be seen making their way to Italy.

In its official report of the British participation the war office in London last night said that opposite the British front the foe was reorganizing after the severe defeat it had received.

EMPEROR CARL WATCHES

Vienna despatches to Amsterdam announced that Kaiser Karl was at the Italian front watching the progress of the battle and that no German forces were participating in it. This report also claimed that 12,000 prisoners had been taken on the Campo, Sile and Piave River fronts and ground had been gained west of Sandom di Piave.

When told of the remark made by the Italian general, Secretary Baker declined to make any statement relative to the number of troops that will be sent to Italy until such time as they are safely landed.

COUNTER IS EXPECTED

Here there prevails a strong feeling that if this Austrian offensive shall fail, as indications are now that it is likely to do, the Italians will launch a strong counter offensive. Army officers are gleefully optimistic. Some think that the lull on the Western front may be due to the fact that the Germans are waiting results in Italy and preparing to act according to developments. They express the belief that Germany is already preparing to rush and to its ally in case of necessity.

ITALIAN troops show splendid morale in breaking down the Austrian offensive in the mountain passes and along the Piave River in Italy. These Italian gunners are seen using "tube silencers" on their guns, as they defend a mountain pass hidden in part by the thick undergrowth and foliage. The scene is typical of many that have been enacted during the past three days.



LULL ON WESTERN FRONT CONTINUES

No Indication of Renewal of Ger- man Assaults But They Are Expected In Short Time

NEW YORK, June 18—(Associated Press)—On the Western front yesterday the lull continued. The fighting was confined entirely to local engagements on the French front but on the British front there was a series of battles in the air in which the Britons had a shade the best of the argument. These battles resulted chiefly from encounters between scouts, both forces being busy observing the preparations of the other.

General Fougere reported only minor raids on his front with the British on the opposite side. During the day there were no developments to indicate imminence in the resumption of the German offensive but observers are convinced that it will be renewed and without any prolonged delay.

In last night's official French report futile attempts at counters to the north of Haut Breve are mentioned as well as early morning advances by the British on that point. These early morning gains were counteracted after the enemy counters had been beaten off and the positions are strongly held. In the fighting in that sector the French captured 370 prisoners and took a number of machine guns.

"Nothing new on any of the fronts," is a brief summary of the Berlin report.

GERMAN RAIDERS TAKE FEW AMERICAN BOYS

WASHINGTON, June 18—(Associated Press)—German raiders captured a few Americans in the Lunenburg sector yesterday afternoon. An American patrol had penetrated the German lines when they were ambushed by a Hun raiding party and a few stragglers were cut off from the rest of the patrol which made its way back.

In his earlier communique General Fougere reported the repulse of local attacks on the American positions in the Voivre and Chateau Thierry sectors.

As a memorial, the French war cross has been awarded to Pvt. W. J. Gorton, the first American killed on German soil. He was slain in fighting in the Vosges region.

MESSAGE OF KAISER IS FULL OF CONCEIT

AMSTERDAM, June 17—(Associated Press)—Telegraphing to the German Chancellor the Kaiser declares that Prussian militarism will bring triumph to the victors.

American Marines Ready To Die But Not Surrender

WASHINGTON, June 18—(Associated Press)—American Marines are ready to die fighting but they will not surrender. The spirit which carried them forward against the Germans in the recent offensive, overcoming all obstacles and spreading apprehension in the ranks of the foe is reflected in the list of casualties to the Marines to date, made public yesterday. Only one Marine is missing and one other is known to be a prisoner.

Total casualties inflicted upon the United States Marines up to Sunday, June 9, have been 717. Of these 106 were killed in action and just half of that number died of wounds, while 533 have suffered wounds and been thus incapacitated.

Yesterday's casualty list of the army, as issued by the war department contained the names of six killed in action, two dead of wounds, one killed in an airplane accident, twenty-four severely wounded, one slightly injured and one missing.

CARTER MAY DECIDE TO GO TO PHILIPPINES FOR SERVICE

HILLO, June 17—(Special to The Advertiser)—Former Governor George B. Carter is considering the offer that he shall head Red Cross work in the Philippine Islands, which offer he received by wireless today. It is likely, he said this evening, that he will go to Washington with Secretary Lane and talk the matter over with Henry P. Davison in Washington.

The message asking the head of the Hawaiian Chapter of the American Red Cross to take up the work in the Philippines was relayed to him from Honolulu today and it is evident that he has taken the subject under careful consideration and is inclined to take up the task that would be assigned to him.

The offer to the head of the Red Cross in these Islands is taken to be a high compliment and a sincere recognition of what he has accomplished at home.

WILL ERECT STATUE TO JAMES BUCHANAN

WASHINGTON, June 18—(Associated Press)—After a debate which at times grew very heated and in which the words traitor and disloyal were used, the senate yesterday concurred in the house resolution which provides for the erection of a statue in Washington Park to the memory of former President James Buchanan.

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FINANCIAL PLANS TOLD BY M'ADOO

Six Billions in Certificates To Be Issued Before Next Liberty Loan Is Floated

WASHINGTON, June 17—(Official)—Six billion dollars will be raised from the sale of government certificates of indebtedness before the next Liberty Loan issue which is planned for November. Beginning the latter part of this month the banks are expected to take \$750,000,000 in certificates each week. The program is a good deal the same as that adopted by the treasury department before the last Liberty Loan campaign was launched and completed.

Secretary of the Treasurer McAdoo, in a circular letter to 27,000 banks in the United States, anticipating the fourth Liberty Loan this coming autumn, says:

To Meet Expenditures
Government expenditures will require the sale of certificates of indebtedness prior to November, aggregating about six billion dollars. This involves the issuing every two weeks of \$750,000,000 of certificates similar to those issued prior to the third Liberty Loan, except that they will have varying maturities not exceeding four months.

That program will be followed as nearly as possible for July and August. The first issue of certificates, dated June 25, are maturing on October 25. The interest will be four and half percent.

Probable Dates
Similar issues will probably be made on the dates of every other week following June 25. It is contemplated that it is a convenient and favorable time in summer to offer the general public directly and through the banks an undetermined amount, perhaps two billion dollars, of certificates for use by the taxpayers in paying next year's taxes payable in June, 1919.

CHAMBERLAIN FAVORS EXTENSION OF DRAFT

WASHINGTON, June 17—(Associated Press)—Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the senate military affairs committee, is supporting the proposal of General Crowder to extend the draft ages from 18 to 45.

The military subcommittee today approved unanimously the proposal, stating that the President is authorized to call all men of draft age who can be trained and equipped.

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TWO NORWEGIAN SAILING CRAFT SUNK BY DIVER OFF VIRGINIA

American Vessels Heed Warning and Commerce Against Which Raid Is Chiefly Directed Is Es- caping With Small Loss

BUILDING FAR AHEAD OF LOSSES INFLICTED

Sixty-three Ships Will Be Launch- ed On Independence Day and Building Speeds Forward At Unheard of Pace

WASHINGTON, June 18—(Associated Press)—Two more Norwegian vessels have been destroyed by the German raiders off the Virginia coast and the divers were operating as late as last Friday. The losses are falling heavily upon Norway and comparatively lightly thus far upon the United States against whose shipping the foe is supposedly directing its energies.

Both of these latest known victims of the diver raiders were sailing vessels. The Kringsjaa, which was submerged ninety miles off the coast of Virginia, was a ship of 1958 tons burden. Her entire crew is aboard an incoming American warship. The Samoa was a bark of 1051 tons and was sunk by shell fire on Friday morning near the same spot where the Kringsjaa sank. Fifteen of her crew were rescued.

FEW AMERICANS

Recently there have been no reports of losses to American shipping from these raiders and the escape of a British steamer after a running fight indicates the undersea craft are not fast enough to prey upon speedy coastwise commerce. It is also evident that American shipping is generally obeying the warning orders and keeping out of the zone of greatest danger.

BUILDING RAPID

Sixty-three ships are to be launched on a single day within the next month and Fourth of July has been selected as the fitting occasion for the epoch making record. Throughout the country ship building is speeding forward as was not considered possible by the most sanguine. This is so on the Atlantic, the Gulf and the Pacific. In the California yards this is especially so. Day and night shifts work that a hundred thousand tons of steel shipping may be ready for launching on the Fourth. The present plants of one Pacific port are being enlarged so as to provide seventy-one ways, able to build 750,000 tons of shipping at one time or 3,000,000 tons a year.

SLACKERS TO SERVE LONG PRISON TERMS

WASHINGTON, June 17—(Associated Press)—Secretary of War Baker has approved sentences ranging from 18 months to 20 years on 12 conscientious objectors who claim to be averse to fighting because they have relatives in Germany and Austria.

He favors the return of such men to the countries of their own preference after the war.